

Toby's – Shaftesbury Young Peoples Project

Mission Statement

Toby's exists to provide a safe environment for advice and information, social activities and informal education for young people up to the age of twenty-five.

Aim (Why we do it)

- To empower young people to make decisions about issues that affects them.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle.
- To reduce anti-social behaviour and promote good citizenship.
- To develop skills required for independent living.
- To broaden young peoples outlook and experiences.
- To raise awareness of issues that affect young people.
- To ensure that young people are aware of the facilities at Toby's and are able to access them.

Objectives

- Provide an informal meeting place that is safe, warm, non-judgmental and welcoming for all young people.
- Provide an opportunity for young people that is fun, challenging and stimulating.
- Enable young people to participate in the planning, organising and evaluating of activities of their choice.
- Provide opportunities for the voice of the young people to be heard.
- Offer affordable and healthy light meals and snacks and provide information about dietary effects empowering young people to make informed choices.
- Provide a range of information about life styles.
- Challenge unhealthy and anti-social actions
- Provide confidential advice and information on pertinent issues e.g. housing, benefit and debt.
- Sign post young people to agencies that can provide specialist advice and information.
- Offer one to one dedicated youth worker to young people needing ongoing support.
- Provide opportunities for young people to participate in community activities.
- Offer support and activities for groups with specific needs.
- Publicise services and facilities that Toby's are able to offer

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